(b) if so, action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, M.P. as India's representative in UNESCO

1116. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Securities scam, Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, MP, has been appointed India's representative in the executive board of UNESCO; and

(b) if so, whether he has taken up the appointment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) India has been elected a member of the Executive Board of UNESCO at the 27th General Conference of UNESCO in November, 1993. Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, MP, has been nominated as India's Representative on the Executive Board. However, the nomination to represent the country in an Intergovernmental body cannot be treated as an appointment.

केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपति के रिक्त पद

1117. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय कितने केन्द्रीय-विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपतियों के पद रिक्त हैं; और

(ख) उक्त विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपतियों को कब तक मनोनीत कर दिये जाने का विचार है और मनोनयन में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) केन्द्रीय विश्व विद्यालयों नामतः हैदराबाद विश्वविद्यालय और बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में इस समय कुलपति के पद रिक्त हैं।

(ख) इन पदों को भरे जाने की अन्तिम चरणों में हैं।

Report of UGC Committee on Women's Studies Centres

1118. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission had set-up a review committee to examine the functioning of women's studies centres and cells;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its reports;

(c) what are the details of its main observations and recommendations;

(d) what is the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The salient features of the recommendations made by the Review Committee are indicated below:—

1. To make the scheme viable and maximally effective, instead of having a large number of Women's Studies Centres, it may be restricted to 10-15, taking care to over all the regions of the country.

2. The selection of these Centres should be based on the recommendations of a specially constituted expert committee.

3. The commitment of the State Government to take over the responsibility should be obtained prior to sanction of the centre.

4. The University should give its commitment to provide the required infrastructural and other support.

5. The Centre should have a core faculty of one Director (Professor scale), two assistant Directors (Reader's scale) and three Project officers (Lecturer's scale). These should be provided in phases after performance appraisal.

6. All faculty positions should be on a contract basis.

7. There should be an Advisory Committee which should include State Government Officers.

8. There should be continuous monitoring and performance evaluation.

9. The UGC should provide funding for starting a journal to disseminate the finding of the Women's Studies Projects.

10. The Cells set up in the colleges have not proved very successful and these may be discontinued.

The Committee has further recommended that 8 Women's studies centres whose performance is found to be satisfactory may be allowed to continue and strengthened further. 5 other centres may be given a lease of life till the end of 1994 and their performance reviewed for taking a decision about their future continuance. There are 9 women's centres which the Review Committee have not been able to visit. A decision about their future continuance can be taken only after visits to these centres are completed.

The recommendations made by the Review Committee will be considered by the UGC Standing Committee on Women's Studies and appropriate action on the matter will be taken by the Commission keeping in view the availability of financial resources.

महिलाओं के लिये विशेष आयोग

1119. श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महिलाओं की समस्याओं के हल के के लिए एक विशेष आयोग का गठन किए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) प्रस्तावित आयोग द्वारा कौन-कौन सी समस्याओं और शिकायतों की सुनवाई की जाएगी और उनका निपटान किया जायेगा और क्या इस आयोग को महिलाओं की समस्याओं का निपटान करने के अधिकार प्रदान किए जायेंगे ;

(घ) प्रस्तावित आयोग में किन-किन व्यक्तियों को नियुक्त किया जाएगा और क्या इसे पूर्ण कानूनी अधिकार दिए जायेंगे ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने इस आयोग को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु बजट में कोई प्रावधान किया है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वासव राजेश्वरी): (क) से (च) जी, नहीं। ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है। तथापि, राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग अधिनियम, 1990 के अनुसरण में 31-1-1992 को राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग